

We the under signed give notice under Procedure Rule 4 to move the following motion at the meeting of Maldon District Council on Thursday 3rd November

Cllr Adrian Fluker (Proposer)

Cllr Michael Helm (Seconder)

Cllr Richard Dewick (Seconder)

#### Preamble

In May I proposed that given the inevitable global financial crisis and the inflationary pressures the Council would face as a result, along with other extraordinary costs including for costs awarded against the council of £250,000 the council should in the best interests of council tax payers agree a revised budget in the Autumn. Council refused the proposal.

Since May the annual budget deficit has grown from £280,000 to £780,000 the equivalent of £15,000 per week. The funding gap will have to be met from local council tax payers funds.

Rather than agreeing to an Autumn budget the council is now proposing a piecemeal approach to closing the budget gap which includes increasing car parking charges and wharfage fees for Thames Barges. Given the financial position of the Council it is in my mind imperative that the Council agrees the 2023/24 budget and a fully costed 2023/27 Corporate Plan together, at the same time and in advance of the start of the 2023 municipal year. This would be contrary to the Officers proposal that on political grounds the plan should be agreed after the elections in 2023.

#### Motion to Council

That Council brings forward the 2023/24 Budget and a fully costed 2023/27 Corporate Plan at the same time and in advance of the 2023 municipal year.